

ELA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 12, 2002
7:30pm
Village of Lake Zurich Board Room
70 East Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL. 60047
Approved October 10, 2002

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Tinerella called the meeting to order at 7:28pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Tinerella, Clerk Prouty, Trustees Black, Burch and Knudtson.

Trustee Sullivan was absent.

Also present: Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg, Assessor Hoffman, Senior Director Neuschel and Ela Township Lawyer Rolek.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments.

At this time Jeff Dowd of 23698 N. High Ridge Rd. Echo Lake, Lake Zurich, IL. Came to the podium and addressed the Board with a question about the replacement of drainage pipes and culverts by the Highway Department. Jeff Dowd thinks the replacement pipes may be larger in size and this caused a sufficient amount of flooding on his property and in his adjacent creek. Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg stated that nothing had been changed just replaced and most of the culverts were clogged and not working anyway. Trustee Burch said he would be glad to come out and check the problem if Mr. Dowd was sure he wasn't on a natural flood plain.

Trustee Black wanted the Board and the audience to know what touching Memorials Services she attended the day before (9-11-02) at all the communities.

5. Approval of Expenditures 8/8-9/5/02 TO 9/6-9/11/02.

Supervisor Tinerella read the following expenditures. The reading of the expenditures is normally the Clerk's job.

	GEN. TOWN	GEN ASSIST.	GEN. ROAD	PERM ROAD	PARKS
8/8-9/5/02	\$99,378.79	\$1,944.82	\$7,421.40	\$148,971.01	\$25,008.50
9/6-9/11/02	\$8,667.00	0	\$479.29	\$693.02	\$1,188.56
				TOTAL.....	\$293,752.39

Trustee Knudtson's motion to approve the expenditures for 8/8-9/5/02 and 9/6-9/11/02 in the amount of \$293,752.39, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Black, Burch and Knudtson all voted aye and the motion carried.

6. Approval of the Board Meeting minutes- August 8th and 19th, 2002.

Trustee Black's motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 8th and 19th 2002, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Black and Burch all voted aye and the motion carried. Trustee Knudtson abstained from casting a vote, as he was absent from the two meetings that were approved. 3 to 0 and 1 abstained.

7. Supervisor's Report

Received and Attached to the back of the minutes.

Supervisor Tinerella added that the Ela Area Sports Organization meeting is Thursday, September 26th at the Ela Township Senior Center. This is the same night as Township Officials of Illinois have the multi-counties event in Streamwood. Supervisor Tinerella will be going to the sports meeting. Trustee Black inquired that maybe the Sports Organization would change their meeting date. The Supervisor would check with Mr. Froehde, who was responsible for setting up the Sports Organization meeting dates. Trustee Burch inquired of the Supervisor if the Township had purchased a much needed trash container for Knigge Park. Supervisor Tinerella answered that a trashcan had been purchased and was placed in the corner so as students come into the park the can is there. Trustee Burch would like a sign put in Knox Park saying no dumping. But the Supervisor is hoping that there would not be any more dumping, that this was the first and last episode.

8. Highway Commissioner's Report

Received and attached to the back of the minutes.

9. Assessor's Report

The Assessor did not have a written report.

The Assessor stated in person that out of eighteen Townships, Ela Township is the first office to announce that it is close to closing its books for 2002 tax year, will be the first time in eight years to close, usually third or fourth in recent years. This statement received a round of applause for congratulations

10. Senior Director's Report

The Senior Director reported that after assessing her budget and how things are progressing there should be enough in the budget to accommodate the Christmas party. Revenues will be down but total expenditures will be down as well. Trustee Knudtson asked the Senior Director if the Township was inviting the community to provide gifts for the Christmas Party. The Senior Director is hoping to get a letter out to the people that were kind enough to donate gifts last year. The Director wanted feedback from the Board

on if she should purchase gifts. Trustee Burch suggested that they contact the Scout Troops, as they buy gifts for each other and maybe they could buy gifts for the seniors instead. At this time, Ela Township Lawyer Mr. Rolek said that his firm would also help sponsor this event. Supervisor stated that a letter could be sent out using the Chamber addresses for soliciting gifts, and contributing businesses would receive acknowledgements in the program listings and when presenting the gifts at the event. Trustee Burch suggested adding this information in the Newsletter and any body interesting in donating a gift could wrap and drop one off at the Township by December 1st. Supervisor Tinerella stated that the Township has an operating budget of \$4500.00 that was approved in the budget and were anticipating recoveries of \$3500.00 so that the net cost if we could get donations, would be around a \$1000.00 to the Township. At this time the Board moved to item **19** on the agenda.

19. Ela “55” Plus Holiday Marriott Theater Event- consideration and possible action to subsidize 200 tickets for December 27th, Peter Pan play

This event’s contract is in the Senior Directors report in the back of the minutes. Also in this report the Senior Director is requesting that the funding for this event to come out of another part of the General Town fund and not out the senior budget. The Board has to determine what other line item, to use for this expenditure. This is \$1200.00 event and if 200 people attend at \$1.00 each- recovery \$200.00, would need \$1000.00 at least to cover. The Supervisor suggested removing money from Park and Recreation’s \$75000.00 line item 583b. Trustee Burch suggested charging \$2.00 instead of \$1.00.

Trustee Burch’s motion to obtain the 200 tickets from the Marriott Theater for the intergenerational event of Peter Pan on December 27th and to remove the funds from the Park and Recreation line item 583b. And to increase the fee to attend to \$2.00 and a can goods for the food panty and to put a notice in the Newsletter that any group or organization in the Township that would like to donate to off set this cost, that the Township would be very happy to accept it, seconded by Trustee Black. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Black, Burch and Knudtson all voted aye and the motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Eagle Scout project-approval of vendor to supply bushes and trees for the September planting

Trustee Burch reported on this as the Eagle Scout was not in attendance. The Eagle Scout coordinator met with the Eagle Scout and suggested that he continue to refine the bidding process and that is what he is basically doing, he may be purchasing some plants from one group and some from another group. And he is on schedule with his September planting time frame.

12. Social Agency Township Board Committee-Establish regular meeting dates & assign quarterly reviews of agency performance reports for next quarterly payout due in October to this committee

The Supervisor suggested that the best time for this committee to meet would be October 2002 and January 2003, this was based on the other committees meeting dates. This actually falls in nicely with quarterly updates from all the agencies. Supervisor Tinerella related that committee Ordinances stated that the Board would assign various projects to these committees and she would suggest assigning the quarterly reports from the agencies that have received grants from Ela Township and to report back to the Board with their recommendations. Trustee Knudtson also recommended refining the policy on grants as there were a few issues that needed to be resolved.

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to establish regular meeting dates for the Social Agency Township Board Committee to be October 2002 and January and the date and time will be announced, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Black, Burch and Knudtson all voted aye and the motion carried.

13. Fall 2002 Township Newsletter-approval of final version

Up date the Newsletter and review it, and contact the office with any changes. Will have all the Christmas and Holiday information added to the now out dated version of the newsletter.

14. Long-Range Planning Retreat-finalize date and place for Saturday, 11/23/02, (9am-12pm.)

The Board was in agreement to have the retreat at Ela Town Hall November 23rd 2002 9am to 12pm. Supervisor Tinerella suggested using a bus after the retreat and visiting some of the long range planning sites, which may be discuss at the retreat. Ela Township Lawyer Mr. Rolek informed the Board that if you would be transporting the Board, the Township would have to be prepared to provide transportation for any person that should be in attendance at the retreat, and to post the notice of the meeting 48 hours in three different sites one being the site of the retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Ela Township Teen Center at Town Hall-plan presentation by Kim Lynch, Ela Youth Initiative Steering Committee-Chairperson-consideration and possible action to approve a budget and begin the hiring search for a Township Youth Center Supervisor

Supervisor Tinerella related a brief history on the concept of how the Youth Initiative steering committee was created.

- a. In November of 2000 the Ela Community for Success held a forum at the library for all of the communities.
- b. In 2001 ECS. Approached the previous Ela Township Board and receive not much of a response, and after the present Board was elected, an intergovernmental steering committee was created, and the first meeting to put together those groups happened in January of 2002.
- c. The steering committee, which was just the taxing bodies (Villages, Library, Township, and Schools in the community), it has expanded to include OMNI Youth Services and the YMCA.
- d. The beginning of the Summer (2002) Kim Lynch was appointed as Chair-person of this steering committee and she is present tonight to present to the Ela Township Board a proposal for a teen center at 95 east main street (upstairs at the Historic center.)
- e. The main objective that came out of this steering committee was a need for a supervised place where Ela Township students could socialize after school, targeting the age groups of 6th -8th graders from the middle schools.

This will be a brief summary of the reasons for needing a teen center as presented by Kim Lynch, and using the Town hall.

1. Teens want a place to hang out.
2. Most of the teens are on their own for two to three hours after school every day.
3. Saw a need for some supervision after school.
4. Need a kick off event with the kids planning it.
5. A couple of months later Supervisor Tinerella came to us with an idea to use the Town Hall.
6. This location would be accessible to all the middle school except Middle School South, would use Township or School district buses.
7. Would like to get this program off the ground and use the Town Hall and then investigate a building that was A.D.A.
8. Hire a Supervisor and let this person work with the kids to form by-laws and rules.
9. Kids want a peer or older like 25 or 26 years old to supervise them not some old person.
10. Could we at least start by hiring a Supervisor and then find a place- at least get this program the ground.
11. Intergovernmental project –this is supported by all the taxing bodies not just Township. Every village is willing to pay towards a teen center.
12. Need a supervisor there at teen center every day. Don't think a volunteer could handle all the aspects of the daily problems of teenagers.

Some Reasons why the Board did not support the Town Hall location.

1. Trustee Burch said there were a few other places that could be explored for a teen center. Explore other options for a teen center location-District 95 offices-the house that

the police dept. purchase-storage area at the Highway garage-garage at Telser and 22-the salt bin at lake Zurich garage.

2. The Town Hall is not handicapped accessible. Before we hire we should have a program in place and then hire a leader.

3. Trustee Sullivan wrote a letter on the Youth Initiative as he could not be at this Board meeting. This letter will be attached to the back of the minutes. Some of his concerns were the A.D.A. factor – and should not infringe on the Historic Center rooms.

4. Trustee Knudtson's suggestions: This program has to happen-need a kick-off-alternate sites-need a method for trial and error-don't want to see this program fail-maybe go back to two days a week instead of five-start small and then grow- this was an intergovernmental project not just Township. This is a pragmatic problem-if Ela Township takes over this project –it is a very slow process-if this goes through the Government it stays government-if we fund an agency they can start working with tomorrow and do what they want.

5. Trustee Burch liked the idea of adding a chair lift but this would also involve special toilets, sinks and drinking fountains-and many more added requirements.

In closing Supervisor Tinerella added that all units of Government have a purpose and the main reason for Ela Township is Social Services. We spend a quarter of a million on the Senior Program and we have a great program-we have a leader and four assistants-and it is very successful.

16. Lake Zurich T.I.F. Plan-presentation by Lake Zurich Mayor-Jim Krischke.

Mayor Jim Krischke related to the Board the plans for the Village of Lake Zurich Downtown Redevelopment Project. The Tax Increment Financing District Eligibility Study, Redevelopment Plan and Project.

17. Health insurance-consideration and possible action to approve employees the option to opt out of their health insurance package in exchange for cash payment

Trustee Knudtson suggested a pay out of 25% of the policy value.

After a long discussion on employees opting out of their Health Insurance Package in exchange for cash payment, the Board decided to table any action on this item until they had obtained more information on this subject. No motion was needed to table this.

18. Mosquitoes-consideration and possible action to take action to combat the mosquitoes problem

At this time three people from the audience presented to the Board and demanded the Board to do some spraying for the Nile Virus Mosquito.

They were Marylou Sharapata of 22285 Wooded Ridge Kildeer and Mary Rimm of Forest Lake.

Karen Sande of 22333 W. Sturm Rd. Lake Zurich, IL. Wrote a letter on the ponds in Sturm Subdivision, and her worry about the young and older people chances of catching the Nile Virus. This letter will be attached to the back of the minutes.

Also the Highway Commissioner informed the Board that he had until Friday the 13th to apply for a grant from Lake County for \$8000.00 and that could be used for equipment for spraying.

Trustee Burch's motion to have the Supervisor and the Highway Commissioner develop a plan immediately to get an initial spray out and not to exceed \$5000.00 to start spraying for mosquitoes as soon as possible in the unincorporated area of Ela Township, seconded by Trustee Knudtson. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Black, Burch and Knudtson all voted aye and the motion carried.

20. Requests for additions to the October Board Meeting Agenda

Due to the late hour, additions to the October Board meeting Agenda will be sent to the office.

At 10:57

Trustee Black's motion to go into executive session, seconded by Supervisor Tinerella. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Black, Burch and Knudtson all voted aye and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Litigation and Land Acquisition Updates

Action on Executive Session Item(s)

Adjournment

At 11:22pm.

Trustee Black's motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Knudtson. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Black, Burch and Knudtson all voted aye and the motion carried.

LUCY PROUTY ELA TOWN CLERK